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SUBJ: POPULATION COMMISSION--18TH SESSION

1. POPULATION COMMISSION (POPCOM) OPENED A.M. 18 FEB WITH RE-ELECTION OF FOLLOWING OFFICERS: MERCEDES B. CONCEPCION (PHILIPPINES), CHAIRMAN; VIRGINIA-VIORICA RUSS (ROMANIA), K.T. DE GRAFT-JOHNSON (GHANA) AND VICTOR H. MORGAN (COSTA RICA), VICE-CHAIRMEN, AND DIRK J. VAN DE KAA (NETHERLANDS), RAPPORTEUR.

2. COMMISSION DEVOTED ONE HOUR TO EULOGIES FOR WILLIAM H. DRAPER AND EXTENDED CONDOLENCES OF THE COMMISSION TO THE FAMILY AND THE US. DEL. A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DRAPER IN UN CHURCH CENTER FOLLOWED.

3. POPCOM ADOPTED AGENDA PROPOSED BY SECRETARIAT WITH PROVISIO THAT POPCOM WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH A TIME-TABLE AND ORDER OF WORK TOGETHER WITH A BREAKDOWN OF ITEM 3 "IMPLICATIONS OF THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE."

4. FOR THIS PURPOSE A WORKING GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF ECUADOR, UK, GHANA, SWEDEN, TUNISIA, US., THAILAND. WORKING GROUP MET FOR TWO HOURS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SOMEWHAT CONFUSED DISCUSSION WHICH EVENTUALLY RESULTED

IN A CONSENSUS ON AGENDA ITEM 3--IMPLICATIONS OF THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE, 1974 (A) GENERAL DEBATE; (B) ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS, (I) MONITORING OF POPULATION TRENDS AND POLICIES, (II) ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS ACHIEVING GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION; (C) IMPLICATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE FOR UNITED NATIONS LEGISLATIVE BODIES; (D) IMPLICATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE FOR STRENGTHENING OF THE RELEVANT UNITS OF THE SECRETARIAT; (E) RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL.

5. REPORT ON WORLD POPULATION YEAR (WPL INTRODUCED BY HALVOR GILLE, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNFPA. GILLE DESCRIBED EXTENSIVE SUCCESSFUL EFFORT UNDER GENERAL DIRECTION OF A WORLD POPULATION YEAR SECRETARIAT IN UNFPA WHICH HELPED ESTABLISH 65 NATIONAL COMMISSIONS, SPONSORED SEMINARS, SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES, BY YOUTH, WOMEN'S AND LABOR GROUPS AND OTHER WIDE RANGING INFORMATIONAL EFFORTS. AMONG WPY EFFORTS MAKING PROGRESS GILLE CITED THE AFRICAN CENSUS PROGRAM AND THE WORLD FERTILITY SURVEY (WFS). HE SAID UNFPA WAS SUPPORTING WFS WITH VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE CONTINUING ACTIVITY. HE SAID UNFPA WOULD CONTINUE WPY--TYPE WORK BUT ON REDUCED SCALE IN VIEW OF FUNDING LIMITATIONS. HE SAID THIS WORK WOULD BE WITHIN COUNTRY AGREEMENTS WHERE THEY EXISTED, BUT THAT UNFPA WOULD ALWAYS ASSURE THAT THERE WAS NO GOVERNMENT OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKINGS. TUNISIA AND MAURITANIA WERE AMONG COUNTRIES CITING WPY ACTIVITIES WITH UNFPA ASSISTANCE AS CONTRIBUTING TO SUCCESSFUL ACCOMMODATION OF POPULATION SUBJECTS IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION. POPCOM GAVE STRONG SUPPORT TO EFFORTS DIRECTED AT EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN ON POPULATION MATTERS.

6. AT CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTE WHICH IS EXECUTING AGENCY FOR WFS GAVE A REPORT ON STATUS OF WFS ACTIVITIES. SEVERAL POPCOM REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION

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WITH WFS WORK AND POPCOM INDICATED SUPPORT FOR WFS WAS A LONG-TERM UNDERTAKING. POPCOM ALSO SUPPORTED CONTINUATION OF WPY-TYPE WORK BY UNFPA.

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